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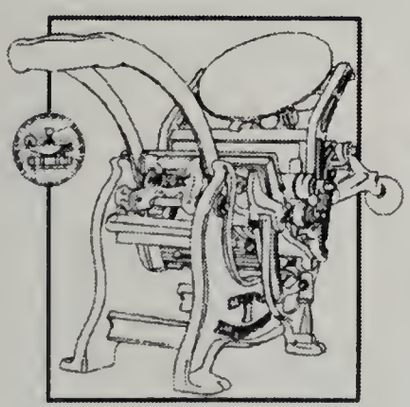


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President's Message

As I write this message to you, I realize my days as your President are coming to an end. This year's Fall Show will be my last as your President. So please make sure to come to the Countryside Banquet Hall for the 45th Annual Convention September 16th – 19th. If you are a bourse dealer, then you should have received the information on the 2004 show. Please sign up now as we have new dealers on the waiting list to call to fill any openings.

I am also pleased to announce that the 46th Annual Show will be held September 8th – 11th in 2005.

ILNA's 2004 election will have all four officers' positions and four board member seats open. Anyone interested in running, please write or e-mail me.

I would like to mention the need for volunteers for our hobby. The coin hobby has several spots for willing volunteers. Please give something back to your local or state club. Whether it is help setting up your local club meeting, help at meeting with registration, giving an educational talk, helping the bourse chairman, provide security, or front door registration. No task is too small. All assignments aid the hobby. You will be surprised about how much fun you will have meeting and making friends and colleagues.

I myself took another volunteering assignment. I was named the Regional Coordinator for Region 21 of the ANA Representative Program. Region 21 is the state of Illinois. So I along with the district delegates will help promote ANA to Illinois clubs and members. One of my duties is to promote educational resources that the ANA provides to all Illinois clubs for their meetings, all the while improving the lines of communication between the ANA and its members.

Illinois has hosted several ANA Conventions in Chicago, and over the years the ANA has realized the importance of Illinois and appreciates its continuing support. So please feel free to contact me if there is anything you or your club needs from the ANA.

Have you seen the list of coin shows going on throughout the great state of Illinois? Please check the show listing section in this Digest for the ones you wish to attend. This year's list is extensive. If you are like me, you will want to attend them all. An excellent example of an outstanding show you should not miss is the Hiltop Coin Club's Show on April 25th in Gillespie, Illinois. I hope to see you there.

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President's Message (Cont.)

Before I close I want to remind everyone about the CSNS Annual Convention May 6th – 9th at the Midwest Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. So all Illinois members should plan a road trip. Stop in and say hello.

If you need to contact me, please write to Jack D. Huggins, ILNA President, 103 Powder Mill Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223. You can also contact me via the e-mail at HUG511@aol.com.

I need to mention our website. The address for the ILNA website is **http://www.ilnaclub.org**. The site continues to be truly the best website on the Internet. The quality and quantity of information always amazes me. I have to congratulate all of those involved in making ILNA's website so fantastic. If you have not logged onto it lately, please do so. It is truly astounding. It looks great, easy to navigate, informative, educational, and constantly updated. You can get up-to-the-minute prices on precious metals on the introduction page, and so much more. Log on today and get informed.

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Making Sense

by John D. Wright

There are no eye-catcher events by which this year can be recalled from your usual history classes. But that does not mean nothing interesting was happening. Perhaps you can recognize the year from some of the following events.

Belgium secedes from the Netherlands. Poland revolts against her Russian overlords. Charles X of France is deposed by revolutionists. Britain's George IV dies, and a general election turns out the Tories who have run Britain for half a century.

Cholera spreads throughout Russia. Crop failures, famine, and quarantines lead to riots against cholera controls. Physicians, government officials, and quarantine guards are denounced by the clergy as Anti-Christ. Cholera will claim 900,000 lives this year and several million more over the next decade before the pandemic ends.

The breakup of Gran Colombia continues. Its President Antonio Jose de Sucre is asassinated, Ecuador secedes, and the "Gran Liberador" Simon Bolivar dies. On his deathbed, a disillusioned Bolivar sighs "America is ungovernable. Those who have served the Revolution have ploughed the sea."

Mexico prohibits any further US colonists in Texas territories and prohibits US citizens in Texas from importing black slaves.

The world population this year reaches one billion. The US population is now 12.9 million, of which 3.5 million (almost a third) are African slaves.

Southern opposition to last year's "Tariff of Abominations" draws strong oppositional rhetoric from federal sources. Daniel Webster, senator from Mass: "Liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable!" President Andrew Jackson: "Our federal union: It must and shall be preserved". Vice President John Calhoun: "The Union, next to our liberty, most dear". Within a few years this same Calhoun will resign his Vice Presidency and become a leading advocate for the right of any state to nullify any Federal law. The amazement is not that the Civil War occurred, but that it smoldered so long before bursting into flame.

The Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek cedes all Choctaw land east of the Mississippi to the US. The "Indian Removal Act" signed this year by President Andrew Jackson provides for the general removal of all Native Americans to lands west of the Mississippi.

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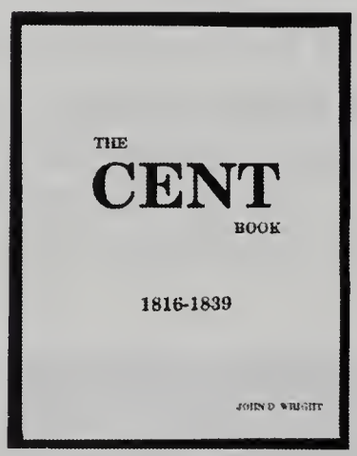
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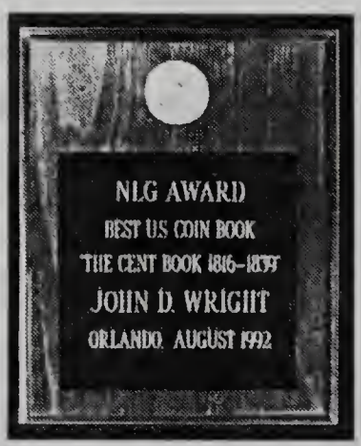
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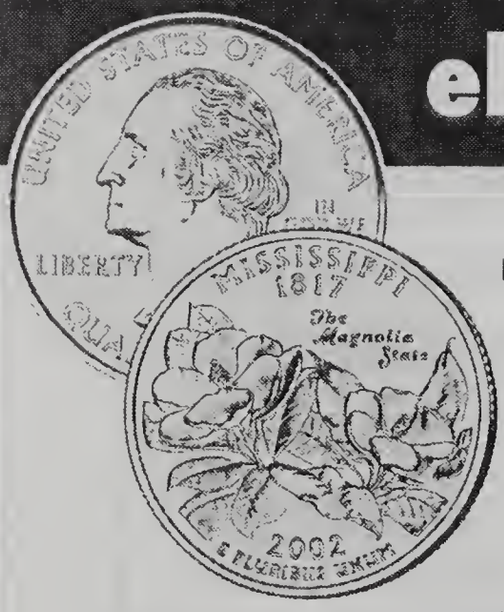
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Building a Collection

by Frank M. Zapushek (Mr. Z)

There are as many ways to collector as there are types of pizza. There can be hundreds of different types of crust, or thousands of different toppings or combinations of toppings.

There is a different taste for each pizza lover. The same is true with coin collecting. There is no right or wrong way to order a pizza or collection coins or currency. Each person is free to collect what ever sparks the taste buds.

Some collectors like to build a set of Walking Liberty half dollars that are all the same grade and with the same luster. This can take years to build, but the collector truly loves his set when completed. He has a feeling of pride in his collection.

Let's say he wants to build his set in EF grade. The later dates can sell for about $6 or $7 each, while the middle dates can be about $15 each. Then he can spend as much as $600 to $800 for a nice EF 1917 S obverse mintmark. The EF 1921 S can sell for $4,500. If he can find one!

Then another collector may want to collect curved clipped Lincoln cents. This may sound easy, but try completing a set my date and mintmark. One collector travels to may of the Illinois coin shows looking for a 1942 S clipped Lincoln. This is the only coin he needs to complete his set. I know for a fact that he has been looking for this one coin for two years.

Then another collector can try to collect an off center struck coin for each denomination and type. Again, this sounds easy but let's look at his collection. Finding off center struck coins for the current coins is rather easy, after all, he only needs one for each denomination.

Then he turns to the off center struck Morgan dollar which cost him a little over $9.000. This was only after years of going to shows and checking with dealers on the internet and in numismatic publications. When he turns to the off center Seated Liberty dollar, he finds that his Morgan dollar was a bargain.

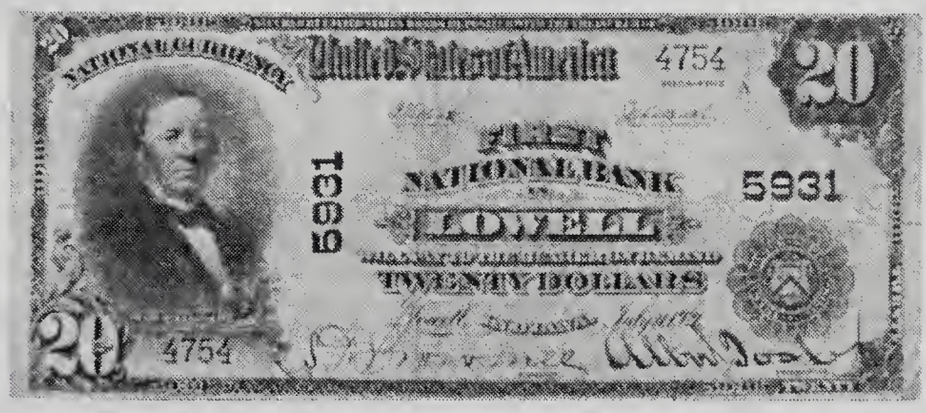
Another collector just wants to fill all the holes in his blue album. The grade is not important, he just wants all the holes filled.

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IN MEMORY

Ambassador Kaczor dies at 81



LeRoy (Jimmy) Kaczor died on March 1.

Jimmy was appointed Numismatic Ambassador by Numismatic News in 1989. He helped to form the Champaign-Urbana Coin Club and was life member #1.

He was a very active member of the Illinois Numismatic Association serving on the board for many years. He was an exhibitor, lecturer and collector of numismatic books. You could always find Jimmy at the registration table during the ILNA Fall Coin Show & Convention.



Photo from 1996 when Joe Wagoner retired from the ILNA board at the Urbana Coin Show. Picture L-R are: Joe Wagoner and President, Kermit Wasmer.

Joe Wagoner, long time board member and former ILNA officer passed away the first week of March, 2004. He served ILNA many years and served as Vice-President from 1992-1996. He was a founding member of the Hoopeston Coin Club. Our Condolences go to his wife Dorothy and their family.

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Making Sense *(Cont.)*

Steam locomotion is developing on several fronts. "Tom Thumb", the first American-built locomotive, runs and barely loses a race against a stagecoach when a pulley belt slips at the last minute. Elsewhere, Phineas Davis develops a locomotive that can pull fifteen tons at fifteen miles per hour.

The Cumberland Road, completed to Wheeling thirteen years ago, is designated a "national project", as federal money is appropriated to survey and extend the road. This project was originally intended to extend to Saint Louis, but no federal funds have been forthcoming for over a decade.

The Louisville and Portland Canal opens, bypassing the 26-foot falls on the Ohio River and opening the Ohio to navigation from Pittsburgh to the Mississippi River. This canal begins the growth of Louisville as a major river port. This year the US can boast of 1,277 miles of canals and 73 miles of railroads, of which 70 are in Pennsylvania.

Thaddeus Fairbanks devises the world's first platform scale. A system of multiplying levers counterpoises a heavy object on the weighing platform with a small sliding weight and slotted weights on an extension arm. His company will grow into Fairbanks-Morse, one of the world's largest manufacturers of large weighing devices.

Joseph Smith of Fayette NY publishes "The Book of Mormon" and founds the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His book claims that the Indians of the New World were originally Jews who sailed from the Near East in the sixth century BC, and that these "ten lost tribes of Israel" received a visit by Jesus Christ after His resurrection. Another sanction of this book, polygamy, will make Smith and his followers unwelcome in many communities.

Presbyterian minister Sylvester Graham preaches the evils of white bread, red meat, shellfish, milk, alcohol, and any other "unnatural" foods. He touts the virtues of fruits, vegetables, and "Graham Bread". The latter is still sold today as "Graham Crackers".

New poetry from this year includes Alfred Tennyson's "Poems Chiefly Lyrical" (which gets a poor critical reception), "Old Ironsides" by Oliver Wendell Holmes, "Woodman, Spare that Tree" by George Morris, and "Mary Had a Little Lamb" by Sara Hale. This year also sees the first American edition of "Birds of America" by James Audubon.

Abortion is made a statutory crime in the United States. This law will stand for over 130 years until a much more radically liberal US Supreme Court nullifies it in "Rowe versus Wade".

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Making Sense *(Cont.)*

All of these events occurred in 1830. During this year the US Mint in Philadelphia strikes 8.3 million coins, with less than two percent of them being gold. None of the 1830 gold pieces (half and quarter eagles) are remarkable other than to note that ALL quarter eagles before 1834 are rare.

Silver coinage of 1830 consists of 1.2 million half dimes (14 die varieties, 5 rare), a half-million dimes (8 die varieties, 1 rare), and 4.8 million half dollars (23 die varieties, 1 rare). That the single rare 1830 half dollar variety happens to be a separate Guidebook type (large letters on the reverse) drives its price WAY up. Any of the two dozen or so known examples will readily bring four figures.

Copper coinage of 1830 gets into my area of specialty. There were about 1.7 million cents struck bearing the 1830 date. Ten of the eleven known die varieties have large letters in the reverse legend. The single "small letter" reverse of 1830 will bring 2x to 6x the "common" price because this one is a bit scarce and VERY popular.

But my cord is yanked by the three rare varieties of 1830 cents, all of which are of the more-common "large letter" type. The first of these, N10, barely qualifies as rare with six to eight dozen examples known. It can draw up to a 15X premium, but among an EXTREMELY limited audience.

Second-rarest 1830 cent is N11. This was first discovered in 1914. The second example turned up in 1956 -- over 40 years later! A flurry of them came to light in the 1970's and 1980's, so now there are around 40 or so known, only one of which is better than VF. These bring a few hundred dollars in VG-F and more in higher grades. However, nobody but a specialist will pay these levels.

Rarest 1830 cent is N9. This was discovered by Frank Andrews in 1882 (plus or minus a year), and was known by this single specimen for 87 years. The second turned up in Boston in 1969, the third in 1973, the fourth in 1976, ... By 2004 there are about 18 examples known. The most recent discovery of 1830 N9 was just over a year ago. That coin (a lovely VF) will likely set a new record for the variety when it sells next month (April 2004) at the EAC Convention in San Diego.

So how do you tell one from the other? Buy the book -- study the coins -- maybe you will get lucky. And after all, the fun of collecting is NOT in the having ... It's in the hunt. That goes for ANY object -- large cents (my love), half dollars, Roman sestertii, postcards, comic books, ... whatever tickles your fascination. Learn it, chase it, and ENJOY your hobby!

John D Wright is the author of "The CENT Book", which covers US cents of 1816-1839. He has collected US large cents for fifty years.

Building a Collection *(Cont.)*

Each of these collectors have different goals and different collections, but they have many things in common.

Each collector spends his time and money to build a set that **pleases** them. They all enjoy the hunt as part of building their collection. They are all interested in the value of their collection when it comes time to sell.

Then along comes the collector that has no goal, is not building a set or looking for that special coin. He just buys what catches his eye. It can be a two dollar coin or a hundred dollar coin. He as no idea what he is looking for or what he will buy.

Now we come to the question of the century.....which one is the **true** collector?

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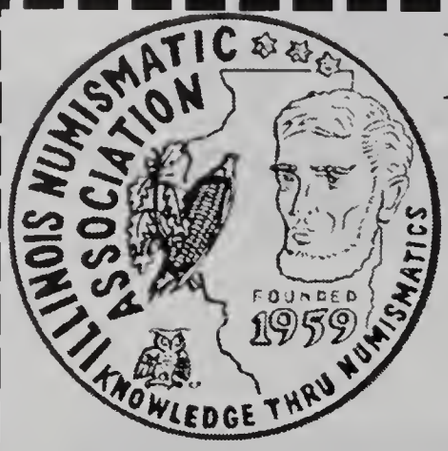
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MAY 16, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 44th Anniversary Coin Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Convention (Expo) Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* $35, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

JUNE 13, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@comcast.net

JULY 11, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@comcast.net

JULY 18, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 10th Summer Coin Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Convention (Expo) Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* $35, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

JULY 25, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Coin Show-Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* $40 Admission: $1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Jay Peniwell, 308 N. Park Ave., Springfield, IL. 62702. *Phone:* 217 793-0919

AUGUST 8, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18 & 19 (Thursday - Sunday) Illinois Numismatic Association Fall Coin Show & Convention (Thursday 2:30 P.M. to 7 P.M. Dealer setup and "Earlybird "badges, Friday & Saturday 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., Sunday 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. **Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall,** 6200 Joliet Rd Countryside, IL Take I 55 to LaGrange Rd Exit 279 North, go 1.2 miles then turn left on Joliet Road, go about two blocks. Tall black bldg, entrance to hall in rear. Free parking for 700 cars. *Fee:* 6' by 8' entrance corner $475, 6' by 8' back corner $425, 8' $265, *Admission:* Free, Contact: Kermit Wasmer 325 Coney Ave. Watseka, IL 60970 Phone: 815 432-4636

SEPTEMBER 19, (Sun) Rockford Area Coin Club 93nd Semi-Annual Coin Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to 4 pm, *Location:* Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* $35 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Larry Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr. Belvidere, IL. 61008 Phone: 815 547-6382

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SEPTEMBER 26, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 44th Annual Coin Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Convention (Expo) Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* $35, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

OCTOBER 10, (Sun) Fairfield Coin 34th Anual Club Show, Northside Grade School, 806 North First St., Fairfield, IL, 10 AM to 4 PM, Tables 20, Fee $25, Admission: Free, Contact, Elias M. Simpson, 501 W. King St., Fairfield, IL. 62837, phone: 618 842-2035

OCTOBER 10, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@comcast.net

OCTOBER 24, (Sun) Lexington Coin & Card Show, 10 AM to 4 PM, Lexington Community Center, 207 W. Main St. Lexington, IL (Downtown Lexington), *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* D & G Coins - Sports Cards 309 E. Beaufort, Normal, IL. Phone 309 451-4272

OCTOBER 31, (Sun) Elgin Coin Club's 42 Annual Show, 9 AM to 3 PM, *Location:* VFW Hall Post 1307, 1601 Weld Rd Elgin, IL *Tables:* 32, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Don Cerny PO Box 561, South Elgin, IL 60177, *Phone:* 847 888-1449

NOVEMBER 14, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Coin Show-Springfield, IL. 9 AM to 4 PM *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 45 *Fee:* $40 Admission: $1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Patrick Devine, Show Chairman 217 787-3241

NOVEMBER 21, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 11th Holiday Coin Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Convention (Expo) Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* $35, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

NOVEMBER 21, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 11th Holiday Coin Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Convention (Expo) Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* $35, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

Make sure you notify us as soon as possible of show dates. We will post the dates on our web site and in the next "Digest". Mail all club information to Frank M. Zapushek PO Box 1993, Bloomington, IL 61702-1993

Local Clubs Meeting Information

Central Illinois Numismatic Association. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Y.W.C.A., 5th & Jackson Street (Northeast of the Governor's Mansion), Springfield, IL. *Information:* Jay Peniwell, 4 Oak Ridge Dr. Decatur, IL. 62521. Phone 217 428-9853

Champaign-Urbana Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Urbana Civic Cent. *Information:* L. J. Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Dr. Champaign, IL. 61821, or call 217 356-9500

Chicago Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the BankOne building, Dearborn St. entrance between Madison & Monroe, Chicago, IL. Sign in at Security Desk and take elevator to 18th floor conference room. *Information:* Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL. 60690. Phone 773 878-8979. *email Your intent to attend a meeting to Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com so your name can be added to the security desk register

Club of Illinois NumismatistS (C.O.I.N.S. Club). *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Hazel Crest Village Hall, 3000 W. 170th St, Hazel Crest, IL. *Information:* (Mailing address) C.O.I.N.S. Club, P.O. Box 2334, Homewood, IL 60429

Corn Belt Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the National City Bank, East College Office next to Jewel-Osco, Bloomington, IL. *Information:* Phone Jeff Stover 309 664-0688

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Danville Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the Palmer American Bank, Danville, IL. *Information:* Danville Coin Club, 2816 Baumgart, Danville, IL. 61832. Phone 217 443-6942

Dupo Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. *Information:* Dupo Coin Club, P.O. Box 3153, Fairview Hgts. IL. 62208. Phone Harry Niccum at 618 632-3331.

Edgar County Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 P.M.. at the Edgar County Farm Bureau Bldg. basement, 210 W. Washington, Paris, IL. *Information:* Elmer Brazelton, 1231 N. High St., Paris, IL 61944 Phone: 217 463-2217

Elgin Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the Elgin VFW Post at 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. *Information:* Mike Metras, President E.C.C., P.O. Box 561, South Elgin, IL. 60177 email: ecc@prairienet.com

Fairfield Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 p.m. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. *Information:* Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL. 62837. *Phone:* 618 842-2035

Fox Valley Coin Club. *Meetings*: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Yorkville National Bank, Rte 47 & Van Emmon, Yorkville, IL. *Information*: Fox Valley Coin Club, P.O. Box 141, Plano, IL. 60545, Phone: 630 552-3491

Gibson City Coin Club. *Meetings*: Third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Country Kettle, 810 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City, IL. *Information*: Leslie Harrison, RR 1 Box 24, Saybrook, IL. 61770

Heart of Egypt Coin Club. *Meetings:* 3rd Sunday of each month, 1:00PM, at Illinois Centre Mall Community Room (next to Target), IL Rt 13 West, Marion, IL. *Information*: Ken King, 1014 N. Market St., Marion, IL 62959-2220 Phone (618) 997-9079

Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club. *Meetings:* Last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. (except July) at the Chalacomb House (Civic Center), School St., Hillsboro, IL. *Information:* Hiltop Coin Club, P.O. Box 23, Benld, IL 62009 email: hiltopcc@yahoo.com

Hoopeston Coin Club. *Meetings*: First Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Hoopeston,. *Information*: Joe Wagoner, 322 W. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL. 60942. Phone 217 283-6733.

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Indian Hill Coin Club. *Meetings*: Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Township Hall, Washington St. in Round Lake Park. *Information*: Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL. 60099.

Lake County Coin Club. *Meeting*: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. *Information*: Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL. 60085.

Mattoon Coin Club. *Meetings*: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. , Second floor of County Market (food store) at 20th St. and Western Avenue, Mattoon, *Information*: P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL. 61938.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society. *Meetings*: First Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. I*nformation:* OFNS, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL. 60452

Quad-City Coin Club. *Meetings*: Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. *Information*: John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL. 61266

Railsplitter Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Manor/Odd Fellows Highrise (across from Lincoln High School), Lincoln, IL. *Information:* Bob Olson, 217 793-5134 or Dean Baker, 217 732-7069 or write Railsplitters Coin Club, P.O. Box 1034 Springfield, IL. 62705-1034

Rantoul Coin Club. *Meetings*: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL., *Information:* RCC, 203 E. Campbell St. Rantoul, IL. 61866

Rockford Area Coin Club. *Meetings*: Third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p. m. (June, July, August at 6:00 PM) at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). *Information*: Larry A. Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr., Belvidere, IL. 61008, Phone: 815 547-6382

Sauk Trail Coin Club. *Meetings*: First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the Chicago Heights Park District Building, 14th St. and Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, IL. *Information*: Harold Ober, P.O. Box 242, Olympia Fields, IL. 60461. Phone 708 747-0461.

St. Clair Numismatic Society. *Meetings*: Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. the Coin Shop, 1121 East Main, Belleville, IL. *Information*: St Clair Numismatic Society, 1121 E. Main. Belleville, IL. 62220. Phone 618 277-4493.

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Local Clubs Meeting Information *(Cont.)*

Tazewell Numismatic Society. *Meetings*: First Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. *Information*: D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309 353-6178.

Wat-cha-kee Coin Club. *Meetings*: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (No meeting June, July, August) at Celebrations on the Corner, 209 W. Oak St (Coner of 2nd and Oak) , Watseka, IL., *Information*: Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815 432-4636.

Will County Coin Club. *Meetings*: First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada Limited, 1520 Commerce Lane, Joliet, IL. *Information*: Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL. 60451 or phone 815 485-4137.

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